

Cassidian Communications Awarded Contract by City of Billings for P25 Land Mobile Radio System

- Cassidian Communications to install new CORP25 public safety radio network that can handle the city of Billings' continuous growth
- Billings to upgrade current VESTA® Standard™ system to a next-generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Sentinel® Patriot® call processing solution

Frisco, Texas, August 8, 2011 - Today Cassidian Communications, an EADS North America company, announced that it has finalized an agreement with Billings, Montana to provide the City with a digital, trunked P25 Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system. The multi-year agreement supplies Billings with a turnkey radio communications solution for public safety, including hardware, software, system engineering, installation and maintenance through 2021. Additionally, Cassidian Communications will upgrade the City's current emergency 9-1-1 call processing solution – the VESTA Standard system – to a next-generation NG9-1-1 Sentinel Patriot call processing solution.

With more than 30 years of continuous growth, the City of Billings is the largest city in Montana and the financial, medical, agricultural and cultural center of a four-state area serving more than 300,000 people. The new, digital trunked CORP25 network will improve spectral efficiency, increase user capacity and provide the enhanced coverage necessary to support the City's growth and take Billings to the next level of mission critical public safety communications.

"Our agency was looking for solutions that would meet our present and future needs, as well as work seamlessly with our existing systems and equipment," said Christina Volek, city administrator, Billings, Montana. "Cassidian Communications responded to our request for bids with the CORP25 radio system, and we look forward to working with them now and into the future."

100% standards-compliant, CORP25 is the industry's only true non-proprietary P25 solution. The open design of CORP25 enables full interoperability and supports true choice in both vendors and hardware – allowing agencies to select best-in-class components through competitive procurements and ultimately lowering the total cost of network ownership.

"We are delighted to bring a best-value, P25 radio solution to Billings, Montana," said Rich Cagle, vice president of sales, Cassidian Communications Land Mobile Radio. "The addition of the interoperable and flexible CORP25 network, combined with the upgrade to the Sentinel Patriot 9-1-1 call handling system, will ensure that the City of Billings can provide its first responders with the best tools available to keep the community of Billings safe, and the taxpayers with the cost-savings they deserve in these challenging economic times."

The Sentinel Patriot solution's IP architecture, designed expressly for NG9-1-1 applications, is based on current and evolving critical communications technologies and standards. This provides Billings with sophisticated backup, disaster recovery and overflow operations with the assured ability to provide reliable service under unexpected conditions. The deployment model provides maximum system survivability and the efficient network design minimizes data traffic and bandwidth usage for ongoing cost savings.

About the City of Billings (www.ci.billings.mt.us)

Billings is Montana's city. Shaped by the Yellowstone River and sheltered by the Rims. Billings is the cradle of progressive regional commerce providing healthcare, transportation, diverse educational opportunities, cuisine, arts and culture. A city full of growth and development, it is leading the country in the look of future communities.

About Cassidian Communications (www.CassidianCommunications.com)

As the largest and most trusted source of mission critical communications solutions, Cassidian Communications, an EADS North America company, is leading the way in standards-based NG9-1-1 call center applications, notification solutions and services and P25 land mobile radio systems. Headquartered in Temecula, California.

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